

Resident Impact Assessment

Title of policy, procedure, function, service activity or financial decision: Arrangements for youth work delivered from Lift, Platform and Rose Bowl between April and October 2021

Service Area: Play and Youth Commissioning

1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

Islington currently secures parts of its offer of youth work for young people aged 13 and up through services which are delivered from Lift (45 White Lion Street), Platform (Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road) and Rose Bowl (St Paul's Park, off St Paul's Road).

There are currently two contracts in place, one for Lift and Platform and one for Rose Bowl. Both contracts will expire on 31st March 2021.

Engagement and enquiry work had been planned to identify the most suitable arrangements for securing youth provision services at Platform, Lift and Rose Bowl from April 2021. This included a project steering group, with membership including key council officers and elected members from Finsbury Park, Barnsbury and Canonbury. The steering group was chaired by Cllr Comer-Schwartz.

Covid-19 has impacted engagement and activity work, affecting the development of the procurement strategy to secure suitable provisions at the three venues. Procure arrangements from April 2021 are now not achievable within the time scale and other arrangements need to be considered to ensure that quality youth work can continue in the three spaces.

The council wishes to extend both contracts for a period of six months, securing service delivery at all three venues with the current provider from April 2021. This will enable time to conduct a robust enquiry work into the future youth work provision at Platform, Lift and Rose Bowl. The intention is for the council to be ready to procure new contract/s for services to be delivered from November 2021.

This robust enquiry will deliver significant engagement work with young people and key adult stakeholders in order to better understand the needs, aspirations, goals and concerns of young people. Building on this, it will generate a range of options for youth offers which will respond

appropriately, in particular in geographical areas of the borough in which there are more challenges for young people and to young people who have a range of vulnerabilities.

2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. residents/service users/tenants? Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to **section 3.3** of the guidance for more information.

		Borough profile of 13 to 19 year olds	Service User profile (whole youth offer)
		Total: 14054	Total: 4578
Gender	Female	46%	46.2% using youth who are female
	Male	54%	53.3% using youth who are male
Disability	Disabled	4% 13-19 yo's with disability	Unknown%
	Non-disabled	96% 13-19 yo's without	Unknown%
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	Unknown
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	Unknown
Race	White	47.3%	44.9%
	Mixed/dual	11.8%	11.5%
	Asian/ Asian British	8.4%	3.1%
	Black/Black British	23.9%	21.3%
	Chinese	0.6%	0.8%
	Any other ethnic group	6.4%	4.9%
	Info not obtained	%	13.5%

3. Equality impacts

With reference to the [guidance](#), please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

Through the extension of the current contracted provision the council will be able to ensure that there is no gap in provision for young people.

The services under the current contacts are likely to have positive impacts on residents of all ages as young people are supported through high quality youth work relationships to make the most of their teenage years and contribute positively to their communities. The service specifications require providers to have robust policies and procedures in place to ensure that the services provided eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and to advance equality of opportunity.

The intention through the review work set out above is to create a range of youth offers across the borough moving forward which engage with, and are more able to respond to, young people who are vulnerable. Detailed data analysis work will take place within the review that will identify specific groups which may not be accessing the current offers at Lift, Platform or Rose Bowl. Aligning this to feedback from a range of young people, including those who are not currently assessing, will enable offers to be proposed and shaped which better engage and deliver earliest help to those who are vulnerable.

4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to **section 4.8** of the [guidance](#) for more information.

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then **please contact equalities@islington.gov.uk to discuss further:**

5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the [guidance](#).

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
n/a		

Please send the completed RIA to equalities@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.

Staff member completing this form:

Signed: _____ *Sinead Hayden* _____

Date: 01/07/2020

Head of Service or higher:

Signed: _____ Holly Toft _____

Date: 26/08/2020